

PLVD Monthly Meeting

October 12, 2022 @ 7:30pm Clubhouse

744 PM: Meeting called to order By Commissioner Robinson

Commissioners: Robinson Chair, Grotheer, Pomeroy.

Treasurer Dow by Zoom, Clerk French

Resident Guests: Peter and Donna Kenny, Michael Malecha, and Mark Grotheer. Via Zoom; MJ Turcotte, Bruce Waite, Claudia Levesque.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes of 9/21/22: Commissioner Grotheer asked that the minutes be tabled for review again, because she not feeling comfortable not able to read because of run-on sentences. Conversation by the Commissioners about how they could make it simpler because the subjects do jump around. Motion by Commissioner Robinson 2nd by Commissioner Grotheer to Table the last months minutes, all in Favor.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dow via Zoom; See Signed report by Commissioners. One item needed to be fixed, "Invoice #1492 should read for November not October". Conversations about the Invoice 2076 well 4 repairs of 6,791.00 and Customers Balances. The Customer past due statements in QuickBooks were found to be not having the right policy requirements for shutoff timings and fees. These will be updated and new statements will be sent back out to those on the list. "\$25.00 each month late fee and 30 days for turnoff making it on a normal day Aquamen are in District. Turn off for nonpayment is \$50.00 and turn on being another \$50.00". Commissioner Robinson made a motion to accept the treasures report 2nd by Commissioner Pomeroy all in favor.

Commissioner Grotheer asked about the status of Pay.gov. Conversation about it was tabled the night she wasn't present because the account that it was going to was to be closed and was for a later vote. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to complete the Pay.gov account and use the General account Commissioner Grotheer seconded all in favor.

Donna Kenney Asked a question to Treasurer Dow; Last meeting, you said that the tax money that we received from the town, all of it goes into the general fund and the money that is the proportion that's supposed to go towards the wealth is only used when needed. What can you define needed to me. "Jamie" As the Treasurer I have the authority to transfer money from one account to another account. So right now and I say this loosely because the audit isn't not done, so I don't know this for sure. But it seems that the water system is supporting itself through user fees. "Donna" So what happens to the tax that's supposed to be earmarked for the water system? If we don't dip into that because we don't have any I'm going to put quotation marks need for it. What happens to that money at the end of the year, which is that money roll over into the general account? "Jamie" there's no such thing as a 70-30 split. That is something that was voted on before it's not anything that's binding. The commissioners are the ones that set the water rates. There's no such thing as the split and I've said this for years. You can't have an annual meeting where people decide to vote for people that aren't on the system to pay for the system.

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Deweeding Committee:

Chair Michael Malecha, I have been tested by solitude because they are just so darn busy. And I'm trying to move us forward because we have a certain calendar that we're trying to maintain. So the premise of what I'd like to share with you tonight is the calendar that we're trying to move so the state is going to permit whatever we do assuming we move forward between December and February. So what we need to do is have our ducks in a row and agree what it is that we choose to do and what we want to fund by November, worst case, December meeting, but then we're really pushing it so I'm trying to move this in such a way that the dominoes all line up. So that next meeting in November, we can have a final decision on what we're going to do for next year. What that meant was I was trying to get them to provide us the draft contract which is what they said they could do in order that you would have it by this meeting. They have totally dropped the ball on that. They haven't ignored us. They're incredibly busy this time of year. They're writing up the summary reports for everybody to read this prior summer. So what I did get was an email yesterday from Brendan McCarthy, who is our business guy. They recommend treating 25 acres of water lilies and that includes water shield in the coves and openings to clear out the desired Lily populations. A map and formal proposal are on their way, just waiting on final product prices from their vendor. The price of this will be roughly \$36,000.00 for 3 treatments in 2023. The contract will be broken down into permitting, treatments and reporting as requested. I don't know what we can afford as a community. I don't know what the budget will tolerate. We have \$17000.00 right now we're talking \$36000.00. And we have said we have to come up with another 20 thousand dollars. Can we do that between now and next fall? Will there be multiple allocations of funding to us from which we could draw an additional 20 grand to stay even? I don't know.

Commissioner Robinson stated that it needs to go to the next annual meeting and ask the district.

Commissioner Pomeroy stated going through the State permitting at this time and waiting to see what we have next year regardless how much money is in the account we can down scale the treatment if needed at that time.

The Commissioners are looking at breaking up the proposals from Solitude for the current money in the account. Still questions will need to be answered prior to our final acceptances. November 3rd 6 to 7 PM that Solitude will be at the next Committee Meeting.

Water updates:

Commissioner Robinson; Leak detection found one leak that has been repaired, the Peninsula is off currently and Franklin Pierce is down to Seven and a half feet, Aquamen called tonight for assistance, or we will need to truck-in water. Well 8 is servicing both sides of the community currently. Well 4 still not running.

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A discussion by the Commissioners to get another company here to locate the leaks, and work with Aquamen. We need to look at costs for this.

The Commissioners discussed communications for water users need to follow if there is a no water issue in the District. There was a Facebook post one night trying to get the board to realize of a problem but we didn't see that till the next morning. We will be working on a written procedure on the website and phone numbers to call. This will be put in the next bills to help so this doesn't happen again. Once we know about a no water issue, it's a drive to the pump house and turn one valve to get the water flowing.

Dam Update:

The Water level is to be lowered after this weekend from Gary French, relaying for our Dam Operator Lynn Estep. The levels probably will be lower because our inflow is very low volume. The dam boards removed will be the same as previous years. We would have to get special state permission if we were to deviate from past practices.

Playground Update:

Because of the playground delay the wood chip purchase mentioned at a previous meeting will be on hold until next year.

Clubhouse Update:

Halloween; Trunk or Treat night through donations not District funds. October 29th outside the clubhouse 5 to 630 pm Commissioner Grotheer and Treasure Dow to be working on this.

Old Business: No updates

New Business: Commissioner Robinson; Leak detection has been setup for next year.

Other Business: Commissioner Pomeroy with a correspondence from Brandon, asking if there are permission slips needed to use the Hunting Reserve. This is only for special uses ATV use, and putting up blinds etc.. Not for regular hunting purposes Fish and game licensing sets the rules on those items. So no you don't.

Meeting adjourned at 947 PM by Commissioner Robinson

Next Meeting to be on November 8th 2022

Respectfully,

Gary W. French Clerk Pillsbury Lake District 2022